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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Theodore Wall, editor of the Osceola Democrat was an Ottumwa visitor last evening with friends.

Mrs. C. C. Hunt of Des Moines, is visiting her husband in Ottumwa today. Mr. Hunt is in charge of the work of checking the cotton prices as a representative of the auditor of state.

Mrs. C. R. Tower, 1137 North Court street has returned from a short visit with friends in Charleston.

Miss Ethel McShane of Greenwood, Miss., is a guest of Mrs. Karl Breeding, 418 West Ottumwa street.

J. M. Wood left this morning for Sioux City where he will locate. Mr. Wood disposed of his printing interests before leaving Ottumwa.

Mrs. C. A. Craig, of Anamosa, returned home last evening after visiting Mrs. R. E. Whited, 1005 West Fourth street.

Mrs. J. W. Ferry, of Albion, has returned after visiting at the home of Mrs. Daniel Devoy, 1021 West Second street.

Miss May Warren, of Burlington, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Adolph Albertson, 130 Ash street.

Mrs. B. H. Gee, 122 North Davis street, left last evening for Davenport for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Shreeves.

Miss V. E. Coyner, corner Court and Third streets, left today for Omaha on a short business trip.

Miss Margaret Reynolds, 334 West Fourth street, left this morning for

Chicago, where she will enter the Columbia school of expression.

Mrs. William Killingsworth, of Denver, Colo., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Reynolds, 334 West Fourth street.

Miss Bertha Wormhoudt, who is a student at the Iowa state college at Ames, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wormhoudt, 404 Chester avenue.

Mrs. Bert Sopher, 525 West Main street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Reid, in St. Louis.

Miss Hazel Middleton, 315 East Pennsylvania avenue, left this morning for Bonaparte to attend a family reunion.

Mrs. Harry Watts and Miss Hazel Gordon, 109 Ottumwa street, are visiting relatives in Wellman.

Mrs. W. H. H. Asbury, 310 Maple avenue, is visiting relatives in Sigourney.

Mrs. David Laughlin, of Davenport, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Ulrich, 533 Milner street.

Mrs. J. V. Perry of Downing, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Rogers, 132 South Ward St.

HUGHES - CRESAP WEDDING SATURDAY

Bonaparte, Oct. 6.—A very pretty wedding occurred here Saturday at the Dr. Cresap home when his daughter Katharine, was united in marriage to Morton J. Hughes. The bride was attired in a gown of white mesaline. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Alice Hughes, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Schely acted as groomsmen. Preceding the ceremony A. G. Roberts sang a solo, "All For You."

Stanley Meek played the wedding march and at this time the bride and party took their places and the ceremony was performed by Rev. James Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Will Friend of Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker of Keokuk, Miss Frances Callen of Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hissom of Douds-Leandro, Wallace Graham and Frank Racine of Ottumwa, Stanley Meek of Iowa City, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baber and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson of Moline, Ill.

The house was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and sumach. Yellow and white was the color scheme. It being carried out in the refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left on the 5 o'clock train for a trip to Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis after which they will be at home to their friends at Storm Lake.

Those who attended from a distance were: W. P. Borland of Washington, D. C., Mrs. E. H. Borland and Mrs. Kate Fullerton of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and Miss Alice Hughes of Storm Lake, Mr. Schely of Storm Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Will Friend of Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker of Keokuk, Miss Frances Callen of Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hissom of Douds-Leandro, Wallace Graham and Frank Racine of Ottumwa, Stanley Meek of Iowa City, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baber and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson of Moline, Ill.

KEOKUK WOMAN, AGED 81, DIES

Keokuk, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, widow of the late Colonel James Sullivan, died at the family home, 906 Morgan street, Saturday afternoon, after an illness of eighteen days of pneumonia.

She was born in St. Louis, Mo., October 30, 1832, her maiden name being Margaret LeFavre, her parents being among the early and prominent families of French people who formed a large portion of the population of that city.

She is survived by five children, two daughters, Misses Alice and Lizzie, of Keokuk, and three sons, James, Oscar, and William Sullivan, all of St. Louis. Four sisters also survive her. They are, Mrs. Pelagie Renaud of Keokuk; Mrs. Antoinette Bruce of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Ellen Dillon of Sioux City, and Mrs. Celestine Gibbons of Keokuk, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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MURDERER ADMITS SLAYING TWENTY

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been able to trip him up in his statements but it will take several days to establish the truth or falseness of his story.

Admits Twenty Murders.

After being continually questioned for 14 hours during which he confessed to having committed more than 20 murders, Spencer exhausted by the ordeal, was allowed to retire in a cell at the central police station shortly after 8 o'clock this morning for a few hours sleep.

He had been questioned without interruption by Police Captain Halpin and Assistant States Attorney Sullivan in regard to the details of his criminal career ever since his arrest at 6 o'clock Sunday night. After the long siege he put his hands to his head and said:

"I am too tired to remember any more just now. I got to have some sleep. Maybe when I am rested I can remember some more. The truth is I killed so many I can't remember all of them."

From an unofficial source it was learned that Spencer had amplified his story of the murder of one of his wives. He said the woman's name was Nellie but refused to give her surname.

"I was in New York six years ago and one day I inspected the art gallery which Helen Gould had installed in the Martha Washington hotel for women, said Spencer. "There I met Nellie. Miss Gould's maid. We were married three days later. I had told her I was a wealthy traveling salesman."

Kills Own Wife.

"One day we took a ride up the Hudson river to West Point and from there went by bus to Fort Montgomery. In a secluded spot I struck her twice with a hammer, killing her instantly. I took \$800 from her clothing and returned to Chicago."

"A few days later I robbed a clothing store of 45 suits which I sold. Then for a while stole bicycles, getting about 180 of them. Then the police made it so hot for me that I beat it out of town."

Spencer this morning told his interrogators of two more victims, one of whom he said he had shot and killed, the other he said he struck down with a hammer. One of the victims was an unidentified man who accidentally brushed against him at Indiana avenue and East Forty-second street and whom he followed and shot dead. He dragged the body into an alley and fled. This was last spring.

Two months ago he is said to have entered a Park Row saloon where he formerly was employed as a porter and killed a bartender with a hammer. He did not give the bartender's name but said he robbed the man of several hundred dollars.

Killed Iowa Girl.

Spencer gave further details of the murder of Policemen Devine and Pennell in August, 1902, at West Congress street and South Ashland avenue.

"I had a pal named Murphy and we were on a back porch of a house down there preparing to enter the place," said Spencer. "Murphy knocked over a tub and we hid in a yard nearby. Then the police came and Murphy and I emptied our revolvers at them and ran. We got away after shooting them and went to our rooms near North Clark street and West North avenue. Two or three days later Murphy and I parted company and I never saw him afterwards."

The prisoner told the police of killing two girls at Lake Delavan, Wis., last October. He said he shot one and killed the other by hitting her on the head with a hammer. He said both bodies were thrown in the lake. Spencer said he robbed nearly every room in the leading hotels at Delavan Lake before committing the murders and fleeing.

"One of the two women I killed at Delavan Lake was a school teacher from Oskaloosa, Ia., and the other was the wife of the auditor of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Minneapolis," said Spencer. I guess they were there on a vacation. I got acquainted with them. They both had jewelry and money. I told them of an exclusive dance that was supposed to be held and they wanted to go. I took one around one side of the lake and shot her and the other I killed with a

hammer and pushed her body off a high pier."

Two other victims were added to Spencer's long list in his amplified confession when he told of having murdered a man and woman at Fox Lake, Ill., in September, 1911.

"I was working at Round Lake, Ill., and a man and wife got off a train there by mistake. They wanted to go to Fox Lake. I quit my job and got a horse and buggy and drove to Fox Lake with them. I took them around and showed them the country. One day I took the man out and killed him. I told the woman her husband had gone to Round Lake for the day and then I took her out and killed her and threw her body in the water."

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Spencer also told of having killed two men a number of years ago on the shore of Lake Michigan near Zion City, Ill.

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According to the officials, Spencer may be prosecuted for the murder of Fannie Thompson in Chicago instead of being turned over to the Du Page county authorities for the Rexroat murder.

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The theft was soon discovered and Spencer's absence noted. The waitress gave the picture to Luidens. The latter was carrying the picture around with him in an endeavor to capture the thief. He had no idea that the original of the photograph had any connection with the Rexroat murder or any other mysterious murders and robberies which Spencer claims to have committed.

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Last Saturday despite the rain our store was crowded all day until closing time—Many people coming in response to our advertisement in last "Friday's Courier."

Many Special Offerings

in all departments will be made during this week until Saturday, when our doors will be closed until 6 p. m. for reason above mentioned.

The Savings will be most apparent in the following departments ladies' ready-to-wear, Dress Goods and Silks, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes. Millinery Department. Be sure and come.

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LOYAL LEGION AT DES MOINES OCT. 14

MEETING WILL BE FEATURED BY CAPTAIN ROSSING'S ADDRESS.

Des Moines, Oct. 6.—The Iowa commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will meet at the Chamberlain hotel, Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, at 7:30 o'clock. A luncheon at 6:30 o'clock will precede the meeting. The meeting will be featured by an address by Captain Rossing of Bode on "A Military hero from Sweden in the Norwegian regiment." At this meeting, also the commandery will consider and take action upon the observance of the twenty-seventh anniversary during November.

In a bulletin issued by E. D. Hadley, brevet captain recorder, at the command of Lieut. Col. David J. Palmer, commander, notice is given of the death of Capt. Charles E. Putnam, Frank E. Drake, Capt. John S. Lothrop, Capt. James M. Searles and Capt. Joseph D. Fegan, all members of Iowa commandery. The membership of the legion throughout the country is reported as being 7,870, with 4,025 original members, 998 members by succession, 1,726 by inheritance, 1,114 second class, and 7 third class. The commandery of Iowa has 105 first class original members, 20 first class succession, 37 first class inheritance and 22 second class.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the commander-in-chief of the order is to be held at the hall of the historical society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Oct. 15. Iowa members of the commandery-in-chief are Lieut. Col. David J. Palmer, Lieut. Byron C. Ward, Map. Chas. W. Kepler, Capt. Chas. L. Watrous, Lieut. Henry H. Rood, Capt. Erastus B. Soper, Lieut. Col. George L. Godfrey, Maj. Samuel Mahon, Lieut. Col. Charles A. Clark, Lieut. David B. Hamill, Capt. Henry C. Plumb, Lieut. Col. Charles C. Horton, Lieut. S. H. M. Byers, Brevet Col. George W. Crooley, Capt. Voltaire P. Twombly, Lieut. Henry C. McNeil, Lieut. Col. George A. Hannaford, Lieut. Theodore F. Baldwin, Lieut. Stephen M. Hinman, Lieut. James P. Patrick, Capt. William T. Rigby and Brevet Capt. E. D. Hadley.

The board of officers of the Iowa commandery will meet at headquarters at 4 o'clock the afternoon of Oct. 14, when the general meeting is to be held.

G. L. RIGLER, FORMER OTTUMWAN, DIES

Creston, Oct. 6.—G. L. Ryder, an old resident of Creston, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Anna Zann at 311 North Mulberry in this city. He has been in failing health for

some time, particularly since the death of his wife some two years ago. Mr. Ryder was engaged in the furniture business in Ottumwa until a few years ago when he retired on account of ill health. Since the death of his wife Mr. Ryder has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Anna Zann,